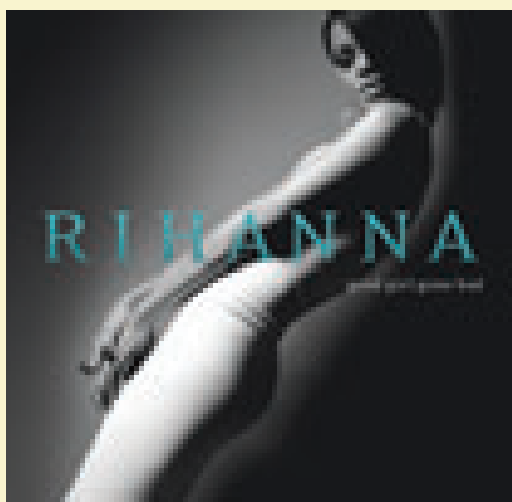


Rihanna

Good Girl Gone Bad (Def Jam)



If you're one of the few who's not heard of 19-year-old Barbadian R&B singer Rihanna, your luck's about to change for the better. The first single from her third album, "Umbrella," has been a *Billboard* #1 for weeks, and topped the U.K. charts for almost two months. But—even more remarkable—there's barely a track here that doesn't sound like a monster single. This is the album where Rihanna, whose career until now has been propelled by exceptional singles on for-

gettable albums, finds her voice (although she's ably supported by Timbaland, Justin Timberlake, and Jay-Z, who signed her to Def Jam). Going bad has supplied Rihanna with enough hooks to keep club floors filled well into 2008, and beyond. —MATTHEW C. POE